



Speak Truth  
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## Summary

One of the most common ethical issues that we all struggle with is that of telling the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. A recent survey taken discovered that 91 percent of people lie regularly. Of the people interviewed, 92 percent said the main reason for their lying was to save face, and 98 percent said the reason they told lies was so as not to offend people. Despite these admissions, 91 percent of all respondents said they were “satisfied with my own ethics and character”. George Gallup indicts us when he says, “church attendance makes little difference in people’s ethical views and behavior with respect to lying, cheating, pilferage, and not reporting theft.

### I. Lies for every occasion

- a. The half-truth.
- b. White lies - “Innocent” lie that doesn’t hurt anyone.
- c. Cover me - The rationalization for cover-up lies is that the truth would hurt too many people.
- d. Exaggeration
- e. Silent Lie
- f. Evasive Lies
- g. Bend it but don’t break it lies

Pauls’ exhortation:

#### **Ephesians 4:25 KJV**

[25] Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.

God has changed us through the gospel, we are to live in light of the truth by putting off the old life, being renewed in the spirit of our minds, and putting on the new life (4:22-24).

## II. Truth

### A. Defined

- 1: Truth is an accurate representation of the facts.
- 2: Truth is conformity to God’s standards as revealed in His Word

**John 17:17 KJV** - [17] Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

3: God is the truth and He always speaks the truth.

**John 14:6 KJV** - [6] Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

➤ **PP:** Falsehood or lying is any deliberate misrepresentation of the facts.

Being truthful does not require sharing your thoughts on everything. If being silent would imply agreement when you disagree, you may need to clarify things. Sometimes wisdom requires keeping your thoughts to yourself.

**Proverbs 10:19 KJV** - [19] In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise.

➤ **PP:** Speaking Truth brings liberty!!

**John 8:31-32 KJV** - [31] Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; [32] And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.